

Missouri Attorney General's Opinions - 2014

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11-2014	Jan 6	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of a revised fiscal note summary prepared for an initiative petition submitted by Aaron Willard amending Article X of the Missouri Constitution (14-078).

12-2014	Jan 6	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for the initiative petition submitted by Aaron Willard regarding a proposed amendment to Article X of the Missouri Constitution (2014-078).
13-2014	Jan 10	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of a fiscal note summary prepared for an initiative petition submitted by Brad Ketcher amending Article III of the Missouri Constitution, version 3 (14-079).
14-2014	Jan 13	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for the initiative petition submitted by Brad Ketcher regarding a proposed amendment to Article III of the Missouri Constitution, version 3 (2014-079).
15-2014	Jan 13	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for the initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed amendment to Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 11 (2014-080).
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17-2014	Jan 13	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for the initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed amendment to Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 13 (2014-082).
18-2014	Jan 13	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for the initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed amendment to Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 14 (2014-083).
19-2014	Jan 13	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for the initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed amendment to Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 15 (2014-084).
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21-2014	Jan 13	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for the initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed amendment to Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 17 (2014-086).
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		INITIATIVES.	initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed amendment to Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 18 (2014-087).
23-2014	Jan 13	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for the initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed amendment to Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 19 (2014-088).
24-2014	Jan 13	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for the initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed amendment to Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 20 (2014-089).
25-2014	Jan 13	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for the initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed amendment to Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 21 (2014-090).
26-2014	Jan 13	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for the initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed amendment to Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 22 (2014-091).
27-2014	Jan 13	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for the initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed amendment to Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 23 (2014-092).
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48-2014	Jan 24	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of a fiscal note summary prepared for an initiative petition submitted by Steven Reed amending Article IV of the Missouri Constitution (14-104).
49-2014	Jan 27	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for the initiative petition submitted by Marc Ellinger regarding a proposed amendment to Article X of the Missouri Constitution (2014-096).
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57-2014	Feb 4	INITIATIVE PETITION.	Review and rejection of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative

		INITIATIVES.	petition submitted by Karen Runk (2014-117).
58-2014	Feb 4	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Marc Ellinger to amend Article X of the Missouri Constitution (2014-118).
59-2014	Feb 4	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Marc Ellinger to amend Article X of the Missouri Constitution (2014-119).
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61-2014	Feb 4	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Marc Ellinger to amend Article X of the Missouri Constitution (2014-121).
62-2014	Feb 10	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Tony Nenninger to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution (2014-122).
63-2014	Feb 20	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and rejection of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Theodis Brown (2014-123).
64-2014	Feb 24	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for the initiative petition submitted by Marc Ellinger regarding a proposed amendment to Article X of the Missouri Constitution (2014-118).
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71-2014	Feb 24	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of a fiscal note summary prepared for an initiative petition submitted by Marc Ellinger amending Article X of the Missouri Constitution (14-121).
72-2014	Mar 3	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of a fiscal note summary prepared for an initiative petition submitted by Tony Nennering amending Article I of the Missouri Constitution (14-122).
73-2014	Mar 3	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for the initiative petition submitted by Tony Nennering regarding a proposed amendment to Article I of the Missouri Constitution (2014-0122).
74-2014	Mar 21	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Khristine Heisinger to amend Chapter 149, Revised Statutes of Missouri (2014-127).
75-2014	Mar 21	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Khristine Heisinger to amend Chapter 149, Revised Statutes of Missouri (2014-128).
76-2014	Mar 21	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Khristine Heisinger to amend Chapters 149 and 196, Revised Statutes of Missouri (2014-129).
77-2014	Apr 10	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of a fiscal note summary prepared for an initiative petition submitted by Khristine Heisinger amending Chapter 149, Revised Statutes of Missouri (14-127).
78-2014	Apr 10	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of a fiscal note summary prepared for an initiative petition submitted by Khristine Heisinger amending Chapter 149, Revised Statutes of Missouri (14-128).
79-2014	Apr 10	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of a fiscal note summary prepared for an initiative petition submitted by Khristine Heisinger amending Chapters 149 and 196, Revised Statutes of Missouri (14-129).
80-2014	Apr 14	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for the initiative petition submitted by Khristine Heisinger regarding a proposed amendment to Chapter 149, Revised Statutes of Missouri (2014-127).
81-2014	Apr 14	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for the initiative petition submitted by Khristine Heisinger regarding a

			proposed amendment to Chapter 149, Revised Statutes of Missouri (2014-128).
82-2014	Apr 14	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for the initiative petition submitted by Khristine Heisinger regarding a proposed amendment to Chapters 149 and 196, Revised Statutes of Missouri (2014-129).
83-2014	June 2	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of the proposed fair ballot language prepared pursuant to Section 116.025, RSMo, regarding the initiative petition concerning Teacher Performance Evaluation Systems (2014-024).
84-2014	June 2	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of the proposed fair ballot language prepared pursuant to Section 116.025, RSMo, regarding the initiative petition concerning Early Voting (2014-066).
85-2014	June 13	HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for House Joint Resolution No. 48 amending Article III, Section 39(b) of the Missouri Constitution.
86-2014	June 13	SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of a fiscal note summary prepared for Senate Joint Resolution No. 27 amending Article I, Section 15 of the Missouri Constitution (14-SJR 27).
87-2014	June 13	SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of a fiscal note summary prepared for Senate Joint Resolution No. 36 amending Article I, Section 23 of the Missouri Constitution (14-SJR 36).
88-2014	June 13	HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of a fiscal note summary prepared for House Joint Resolution No. 48 amending Article III, Section 39(b) of the Missouri Constitution (14-HJR 48).
89-2014	June 30	FAIR BALLOT LANGUAGE. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of the proposed fair ballot language prepared pursuant to Section 116.025, RSMo, regarding Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Joint Resolution No. 90 relating to early voting.
90-2014	June 30	FAIR BALLOT LANGUAGE. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of the proposed fair ballot language prepared pursuant to Section 116.025, RSMo, regarding Senate Substitute for House Joint Resolution No. 68 relating to a temporary tax to improve the state highway system, city streets, county roads, and the state transportation system.
91-2014	June 30	FAIR BALLOT LANGUAGE. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of the proposed fair ballot language prepared pursuant to Section 116.025, RSMo, regarding House Joint Resolution No. 48 relating to a Veterans Lottery ticket.

92-2014	June 30	FAIR BALLOT LANGUAGE. SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of the proposed fair ballot language prepared pursuant to Section 116.025, RSMo, regarding Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 27 relating to government access to electronic data.
93-2014	June 30	FAIR BALLOT LANGUAGE. SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of the proposed fair ballot language prepared pursuant to Section 116.025, RSMo, regarding Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 36 relating to the right of Missouri citizens to keep and bear arms.
94-2014	June 30	FAIR BALLOT LANGUAGE. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of the proposed fair ballot language prepared pursuant to Section 116.025, RSMo, regarding House Joint Resolution No. 72 relating to the governor's budgetary authority.
95-2014	June 30	HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of a fiscal note summary prepared for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Joint Resolution No. 90 amending Article VIII of the Missouri Constitution (14-HJR 90).
96-2014	June 30	HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of a fiscal note summary prepared for House Joint Resolution No. 72 amending Article IV, Sections 24 and 27 of the Missouri Constitution (14-HJR 72).
97-2014	Nov 17	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and rejection of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution (2016-001).
98-2014	Nov 17	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Todd Jones to amend Article VIII of the Missouri Constitution (2016-002).
99-2014	Nov 24	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Bradley Ketcher to amend Article III of the Missouri Constitution, version 3 (2016-005).
100-2014	Dec 1	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and rejection of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Aundrea Riffle to amend Chapter 195, Revised Statutes of Missouri (2016-006).
101-2014	Dec 12	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Todd Jones to amend Article VIII of the Missouri Constitution (2016-007).
102-2014	Dec 12	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and rejection of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Nicholas Raines to amend Article IV of the Missouri Constitution (2016-008).
103-2014	Dec 15	INITIATIVE PETITION.	Review and approval of the legal content and form of a fiscal note

		INITIATIVES.	summary prepared for an initiative petition submitted by Bradley Ketcher amending Article III of the Missouri Constitution, version 3 (16-005).
104-2014	Dec 15	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution (2016-009).
105-2014	Dec 29	INITIATIVE PETITION. INITIATIVES.	Review and approval of a summary statement prepared for the initiative petition submitted by Bradley Ketcher regarding a proposed amendment to Article III of the Missouri Constitution, version 3 (2016-005).



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January 2, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 1-2014

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Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
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Dear Secretary Kander:

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We approve the petition as to form, but § 116.332 gives the Secretary of State final authority to approve or reject the petition. Therefore, our approval of the form of the petition does not preclude you from rejecting the petition.

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Very truly yours,

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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated December 23, 2013, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution submitted by Dan Viets, version 24 (2014-100).

We approve the petition as to form, but § 116.332 gives the Secretary of State final authority to approve or reject the petition. Therefore, our approval of the form of the petition does not preclude you from rejecting the petition.

Because our review of the petition is simply for the purpose of determining sufficiency as to form, the fact that we do not reject the petition is not to be construed as a determination that the petition is sufficient as to substance. Likewise, because our review is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition or of the objectives of its proponents, or the expression of any view respecting the adequacy or inadequacy of the petition generally.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Chris Koster", is positioned above the printed name.

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January 2, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 6-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated December 23, 2013, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution submitted by Dan Viets, version 25 (2014-101).

We approve the petition as to form, but § 116.332 gives the Secretary of State final authority to approve or reject the petition. Therefore, our approval of the form of the petition does not preclude you from rejecting the petition.

Because our review of the petition is simply for the purpose of determining sufficiency as to form, the fact that we do not reject the petition is not to be construed as a determination that the petition is sufficient as to substance. Likewise, because our review is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition or of the objectives of its proponents, or the expression of any view respecting the adequacy or inadequacy of the petition generally.

Very truly yours,

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January 2, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 7-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated December 23, 2013, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution submitted by Dan Viets, version 26 (2014-102).

We approve the petition as to form, but § 116.332 gives the Secretary of State final authority to approve or reject the petition. Therefore, our approval of the form of the petition does not preclude you from rejecting the petition.

Because our review of the petition is simply for the purpose of determining sufficiency as to form, the fact that we do not reject the petition is not to be construed as a determination that the petition is sufficient as to substance. Likewise, because our review is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition or of the objectives of its proponents, or the expression of any view respecting the adequacy or inadequacy of the petition generally.

Very truly yours,

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January 3, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 8-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated December 24, 2013, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Steven Reed.

We conclude that the petition must be rejected for at least the following reasons:

1. The petition is not in the form prescribed by § 116.040, RSMo.
2. The petition does not contain "all matter which is to be deleted included in its proper place enclosed in brackets and all new matter shown underlined" as required pursuant to § 116.050, RSMo.

Because of our rejection of the form of the petition for the reasons stated above, we have not reviewed the petition to determine if additional deficiencies exist. Pursuant to § 116.332.3, RSMo, the Secretary of State is authorized to

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The Honorable Jason Kander
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review this opinion and “make a final decision as to the approval or rejection of the form of the petition.”

Very truly yours,

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January 3, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 9-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated December 24, 2013, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition to amend Article IV of the Missouri Constitution submitted by Steven Reed (2014-104).

We approve the petition as to form, but § 116.332 gives the Secretary of State final authority to approve or reject the petition. Therefore, our approval of the form of the petition does not preclude you from rejecting the petition.

Because our review of the petition is simply for the purpose of determining sufficiency as to form, the fact that we do not reject the petition is not to be construed as a determination that the petition is sufficient as to substance. Likewise, because our review is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition or of the objectives of its proponents, or the expression of any view respecting the adequacy or inadequacy of the petition generally.

Very truly yours,

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January 3, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 10-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated December 24, 2013, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Steven Reed.

We conclude that the petition must be rejected for at least the following reasons:

1. The petition is not in the form prescribed by § 116.040, RSMo.
2. The petition does not contain "all matter which is to be deleted included in its proper place enclosed in brackets and all new matter shown underlined" as required pursuant to § 116.050, RSMo.

Because of our rejection of the form of the petition for the reasons stated above, we have not reviewed the petition to determine if additional deficiencies exist. Pursuant to § 116.332.3, RSMo, the Secretary of State is authorized to

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The Honorable Jason Kander
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review this opinion and “make a final decision as to the approval or rejection of the form of the petition.”

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January 6, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 11-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of December 30, 2013, submitting a revised fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Aaron Willard (14-078). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government entities estimate this proposal reduces state revenue by several billion dollars during the first two affected fiscal years. The legislature is required to increase state sales tax revenue to replace a calculated decrease in net individual income tax revenue resulting from this proposal and recalculate and renew changes yearly.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should

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The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
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be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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January 6, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 12-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated December 27, 2013, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Aaron Willard regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article X of the Missouri Constitution (2014-078). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- create a new state income tax structure for taxable income above or below \$30,000 for married individuals filing joint returns (and heads of households), and taxable income above or below \$15,000 for other individuals;
- increase the sales tax and/or tax base to make up for any loss of state revenue if a decrease in income tax decreases state revenue (if enacted by the legislature); and

- eliminate state and local income or earnings taxes (other than those created by cities before January 1, 2013) and prohibit any new income or earnings taxes?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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January 10, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 13-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of December 31, 2013, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Brad Ketcher, version 3 (14-079). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State governmental entities estimate increased annual operating costs starting at \$120,000. Local governmental entities estimate no impact to operating costs. Any potential impact to state and local governmental revenues is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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January 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 14-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 2, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Brad Ketcher regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article III of the Missouri Constitution, version 3 (2014-079). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- establish limits on campaign contributions that candidates for state legislature can accept from individuals or entities;
- establish a limit on gifts that state legislators, and their employees, can accept from lobbyists;
- prohibit state legislators, and their employees, from serving as paid lobbyists for a period of time or being paid for campaign work;
- prohibit political fundraising on general assembly property;

- require legislative records to be open to the public; and
- prohibit any law that disqualifies the counting of valid signatures on petitions based on how voters sign the petition?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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OPINION LETTER NO. 15-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
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James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 2, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 11 (2014-080). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow the production, sale, distribution, and consumption of marijuana and hemp products by persons at least 21 years old;
- permit the state to establish a tax and authorize regulations and licensing procedures for marijuana;
- change criminal provisions for marijuana offenses and allow individuals who have certain marijuana-related offenses to apply to have the records relating to the offenses expunged; and

- allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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OPINION LETTER NO. 16-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 2, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 12 (2014-081). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow the production, sale, distribution, and consumption of marijuana and hemp products by persons at least 21 years old;
- permit the state to establish a tax and authorize regulations and licensing procedures for marijuana;
- change criminal provisions for marijuana offenses and allow individuals who have certain marijuana-related offenses to apply to have the records relating to the offenses expunged; and

- allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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January 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 17-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 2, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 13 (2014-082). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow the production, sale, distribution, and consumption of marijuana and hemp products by persons at least 21 years old;
- permit the state to establish a tax and authorize regulations and licensing procedures for marijuana;
- change criminal provisions for marijuana offenses and allow individuals who have certain marijuana-related offenses to apply to have the records relating to the offenses expunged; and

- allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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OPINION LETTER NO. 18-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 2, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 14 (2014-083). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow the production, sale, distribution, and consumption of marijuana and hemp products by persons at least 21 years old;
- permit the state to establish a tax and authorize regulations and licensing procedures for marijuana;
- change criminal provisions for marijuana offenses and allow individuals who have certain marijuana-related offenses to apply to have the records relating to the offenses expunged; and

- allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,



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January 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 19-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 2, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 15 (2014-084). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow the production, sale, distribution, and consumption of marijuana and hemp products by persons at least 21 years old;
- permit the state to establish a tax and authorize regulations and licensing procedures for marijuana;
- change criminal provisions for marijuana offenses and allow individuals who have certain marijuana-related offenses to apply to have the records relating to the offenses expunged; and

- allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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January 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 20-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 2, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 16 (2014-085). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow the production, sale, distribution, and consumption of marijuana and hemp products by persons at least 21 years old;
- permit the state to establish a tax and authorize regulations and licensing procedures for marijuana;
- change criminal provisions for marijuana offenses and allow individuals who have certain marijuana-related offenses to apply to have the records relating to the offenses expunged; and

- allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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January 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 21-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 2, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 17 (2014-086). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow the production, sale, distribution, and consumption of marijuana and hemp products by persons at least 21 years old;
- permit the state to establish a tax and authorize regulations and licensing procedures for marijuana;
- change criminal provisions for marijuana offenses and allow individuals who have certain marijuana-related offenses to apply to have the records relating to the offenses expunged; and

- allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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January 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 22-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 2, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 18 (2014-087). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow the production, sale, distribution, and consumption of marijuana and hemp products by persons at least 21 years old;
- permit the state to establish a tax and authorize regulations and licensing procedures for marijuana;
- change criminal provisions for marijuana offenses; and
- allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

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Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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January 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 23-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 2, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 19 (2014-088). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow the production, sale, distribution, and consumption of marijuana and hemp products by persons at least 21 years old;
- permit the state to establish a tax and authorize regulations and licensing procedures for marijuana;
- change criminal provisions for marijuana offenses and allow individuals who have certain marijuana-related offenses to apply to have the records relating to the offenses expunged; and

- allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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January 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 24-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 2, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 20 (2014-089). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow the production, sale, distribution, and consumption of marijuana and hemp products by persons at least 21 years old;
- permit the state to establish a tax and authorize regulations and licensing procedures for marijuana;
- change criminal provisions for marijuana offenses and allow individuals who have certain marijuana-related offenses to apply to have the records relating to the offenses expunged; and

- allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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OPINION LETTER NO. 25-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 2, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 21 (2014-090). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow the production, sale, distribution, and consumption of marijuana and hemp products by persons at least 21 years old;
- permit the state to establish a tax and authorize regulations and licensing procedures for marijuana;
- change criminal provisions for marijuana offenses and allow individuals who have certain marijuana-related offenses to apply to have the records relating to the offenses expunged; and

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Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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OPINION LETTER NO. 26-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
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James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 2, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 22 (2014-091). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow the production, sale, distribution, and consumption of marijuana and hemp products by persons at least 21 years old;
- permit the state to establish a tax and authorize regulations and licensing procedures for marijuana;
- change criminal provisions for marijuana offenses; and
- allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

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Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Koster", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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January 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 27-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 2, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 23 (2014-092). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow the production, sale, distribution, and consumption of marijuana and hemp products by persons at least 21 years old;
- permit the state to establish a tax and authorize regulations and licensing procedures for marijuana;
- change criminal provisions for marijuana offenses and allow individuals who have certain marijuana-related offenses to apply to have the records relating to the offenses expunged; and

- allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,



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January 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 28-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 6, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets, version 11 (14-080). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government expects \$1 million in startup costs and annual operating costs starting at \$4.6 million, possibly offset by unknown savings in the criminal justice system. Legislative and agency actions will impact potential increased state revenue. The annual revenue increase could possibly exceed \$142 million. The fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Koster".

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January 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 29-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 6, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets, version 12 (14-081). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government expects \$1 million in startup costs and annual operating costs starting at \$4.6 million, possibly offset by unknown savings in the criminal justice system. Legislative and agency actions will impact potential increased state revenue. The annual revenue increase could possibly exceed \$142 million. The fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Koster".

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January 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 30-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
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Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 6, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets, version 13 (14-082). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government expects \$1 million in startup costs and annual operating costs starting at \$4.6 million, possibly offset by unknown savings in the criminal justice system. Legislative and agency actions will impact potential increased state revenue. The annual revenue increase could possibly exceed \$217 million. The fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Koster".

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January 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 31-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 6, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets, version 14 (14-083). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government expects \$1 million in startup costs and annual operating costs starting at \$4.6 million, possibly offset by unknown savings in the criminal justice system. Legislative and agency actions will impact potential increased state revenue. The annual revenue increase could possibly exceed \$217 million. The fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Koster".

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January 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 32-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 6, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets, version 15 (14-084). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government expects \$1 million in startup costs and annual operating costs starting at \$4.6 million, possibly offset by unknown savings in the criminal justice system. Legislative and agency actions will impact potential increased state revenue. The annual revenue increase could possibly exceed \$217 million. The fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Chris Koster", is positioned above the printed name.

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January 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 33-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101


Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 6, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets, version 16 (14-085). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government expects \$1 million in startup costs and annual operating costs starting at \$4.6 million, possibly offset by unknown savings in the criminal justice system. Legislative and agency actions will impact potential increased state revenue. The annual revenue increase could possibly exceed \$217 million. The fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,


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January 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 34-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101


Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 6, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets, version 17 (14-086). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government expects \$1 million in startup costs and annual operating costs starting at \$4.6 million, possibly offset by unknown savings in the criminal justice system. Legislative and agency actions will impact potential increased state revenue. The annual revenue increase could possibly exceed \$217 million. The fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,


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January 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 35-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101


Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 6, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets, version 18 (14-087). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government expects \$1 million in startup costs and annual operating costs starting at \$4.6 million, possibly offset by unknown savings in the criminal justice system. Legislative and agency actions will impact potential increased state revenue. The annual revenue increase could possibly exceed \$142 million. The fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,


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OPINION LETTER NO. 36-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
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Jefferson City, MO 65101


Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 6, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets, version 19 (14-088). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government expects \$1 million in startup costs and annual operating costs starting at \$4.6 million, possibly offset by unknown savings in the criminal justice system. Legislative and agency actions will impact potential increased state revenue. The annual revenue increase could possibly exceed \$142 million. The fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,


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OPINION LETTER NO. 37-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101


Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 6, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets, version 20 (14-089). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government expects \$1 million in startup costs and annual operating costs starting at \$4.6 million, possibly offset by unknown savings in the criminal justice system. Legislative and agency actions will impact potential increased state revenue. The annual revenue increase could possibly exceed \$142 million. The fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,


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OPINION LETTER NO. 38-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
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Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 6, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets, version 21 (14-090). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government expects \$1 million in startup costs and annual operating costs starting at \$4.6 million, possibly offset by unknown savings in the criminal justice system. Legislative and agency actions will impact potential increased state revenue. The annual revenue increase could possibly exceed \$142 million. The fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Chris Koster", is written over the typed name.

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January 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 39-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
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Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 6, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets, version 22 (14-091). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government expects \$1 million in startup costs and annual operating costs starting at \$4.6 million, possibly offset by unknown savings in the criminal justice system. Legislative and agency actions will impact potential increased state revenue. The annual revenue increase could possibly exceed \$142 million. The fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Koster".

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January 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 40-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
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State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101


Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 6, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets, version 23 (14-092). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government expects \$1 million in startup costs and annual operating costs starting at \$4.6 million, possibly offset by unknown savings in the criminal justice system. Legislative and agency actions will impact potential increased state revenue. The annual revenue increase could possibly exceed \$142 million. The fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,


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January 23, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 41-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101


Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 13, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Marc Ellinger (14-096). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

Taxes and fees collected annually under the proposal are used to calculate permanent reductions to the individual income tax rate. This process over several decades could eliminate the individual income tax, which would be approximately \$6 billion in annual revenue based on current collections. Whether the proposal will be revenue neutral cannot be determined.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,


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January 23, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 42-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101


Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 13, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Marc Ellinger (14-097). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

Taxes and fees collected annually under the proposal are used to calculate permanent reductions to the individual income tax rate. This process over several decades could eliminate the individual income tax, which would be approximately \$6 billion in annual revenue based on current collections. Whether the proposal will be revenue neutral cannot be determined.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,


CHRIS KOSTER
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January 23, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 43-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101


Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 13, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Marc Ellinger (14-098). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

Taxes and fees collected annually under the proposal are used to calculate permanent reductions to the individual income tax rate. This process over several decades could eliminate the individual income tax, which would be approximately \$6 billion in annual revenue based on current collections. Whether the proposal will be revenue neutral cannot be determined.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,


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January 23, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 44-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101


Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 13, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Marc Ellinger (14-099). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

Taxes and fees collected annually under the proposal are used to calculate permanent reductions to the individual income tax rate. This process over several decades could eliminate the individual income tax, which would be approximately \$6 billion in annual revenue based on current collections. Whether the proposal will be revenue neutral cannot be determined.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,


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January 23, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 45-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101


Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 13, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets, version 24 (14-100). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government expects \$1 million in startup costs and annual operating costs starting at \$4.8 million, possibly offset by unknown savings in the criminal justice system. Legislative and agency actions will impact potential increased state revenue. The annual revenue increase could possibly exceed \$142 million. The fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,


CHRIS KOSTER
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January 23, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 46-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101


Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 13, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets, version 25 (14-101). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government expects \$1 million in startup costs and annual operating costs starting at \$4.6 million, possibly offset by unknown savings in the criminal justice system. Legislative and agency actions will impact potential increased state revenue. The annual revenue increase could possibly exceed \$142 million. The fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,


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January 23, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 47-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101


Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 13, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets, version 26 (14-102). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government expects \$1 million in startup costs and annual operating costs starting at \$4.8 million, possibly offset by unknown savings in the criminal justice system. Legislative and agency actions will impact potential increased state revenue. The annual revenue increase could possibly exceed \$217 million. The fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,


CHRIS KOSTER
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OPINION LETTER NO. 48-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of January 14, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Steven Reed (14-104). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

This proposed constitutional amendment will impose a sales tax of one-tenth of one percent for one year. The additional revenues of approximately \$73 million will be used for the promotion and development of Technology Parks in southwest Missouri. State governmental entities will have one-time increased operating costs of about \$139,000.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,


CHRIS KOSTER
Attorney General

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January 27, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 49-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 16, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Marc Ellinger regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article X of the Missouri Constitution (2014-096). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- create a new fee on certain cigarettes and electronic cigarettes and prohibit any future additional taxes, licenses, fees or special assessments on cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, or tobacco products;
- use the revenue created by this measure to reduce the individual income tax rate;
- eliminate the individual income tax if it is reduced to one-tenth of one percent or less as a result of this measure; and

- prohibit the general assembly from imposing an individual income tax if it is eliminated as a result of this measure?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

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January 27, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 50-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 16, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Marc Ellinger regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article X of the Missouri Constitution (2014-097). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- create a new fee on cigarettes and electronic cigarettes and prohibit any future additional taxes, licenses, fees or special assessments on cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, or tobacco products;
- use the revenue created by this measure to reduce the individual income tax rate;
- eliminate the individual income tax if it is reduced to one-tenth of one percent or less as a result of this measure; and

- prohibit the general assembly from imposing an individual income tax if it is eliminated as a result of this measure?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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January 27, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 51-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 16, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Marc Ellinger regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article X of the Missouri Constitution (2014-098). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- create a new fee on cigarettes and electronic cigarettes and prohibit any future additional taxes, licenses, fees or special assessments on cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, or tobacco products;
- use the revenue created by this measure to reduce the individual income tax rate;
- eliminate the individual income tax if it is reduced to one-tenth of one percent or less as a result of this measure; and

- prohibit the general assembly from imposing an individual income tax if it is eliminated as a result of this measure?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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January 27, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 52-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 16, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Marc Ellinger regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article X of the Missouri Constitution (2014-099). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- create a new fee on cigarettes and electronic cigarettes and prohibit any future additional taxes, licenses, fees or special assessments on cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, or tobacco products;
- use the revenue created by this measure to reduce the individual income tax rate;
- eliminate the individual income tax if it is reduced to one-tenth of one percent or less as a result of this measure; and

- prohibit the general assembly from imposing an individual income tax if it is eliminated as a result of this measure?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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January 27, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 53-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 16, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 24 (2014-100). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow the production, sale, distribution, and consumption of marijuana and hemp products by persons at least 21 years old;
- permit the state to establish a tax and authorize regulations and licensing procedures for marijuana;
- change criminal provisions for marijuana offenses and allow individuals who have certain marijuana-related offenses to apply to have the records relating to the offenses expunged; and

- allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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OPINION LETTER NO. 54-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 16, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 25 (2014-101). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow the production, sale, distribution, and consumption of marijuana and hemp products by persons at least 21 years old;
- permit the state to establish a tax and authorize regulations and licensing procedures for marijuana;
- change criminal provisions for marijuana offenses; and
- allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

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Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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January 27, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 55-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 16, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 26 (2014-102). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow the production, sale, distribution, and consumption of marijuana and hemp products by persons at least 21 years old;
- permit the state to establish a tax and authorize regulations and licensing procedures for marijuana;
- change criminal provisions for marijuana offenses and allow individuals who have certain marijuana-related offenses to apply to have the records relating to the offenses expunged; and

- allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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OPINION LETTER NO. 56-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 16, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Steven Reed regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article IV of the Missouri Constitution (2014-104). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to establish a one-tenth of one percent state sales/use tax for one year to be used for technology initiatives in southwest Missouri with the purpose of providing funding for new companies, jobs, and research and development?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be

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construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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February 4, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 57-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 29, 2014, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Karen Runk (2014-117).

We conclude that the petition must be rejected for at least the following reasons:

1. The petition is not in the form prescribed by § 116.040, RSMo.
2. The petition does not contain "all matter which is to be deleted included in its proper place enclosed in brackets and all new matter shown underlined" as required pursuant to § 116.050, RSMo.

Because of our rejection of the form of the petition for the reasons stated above, we have not reviewed the petition to determine if additional deficiencies exist. Pursuant to § 116.332.3, RSMo, the Secretary of State is authorized to

The Honorable Jason Kander
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review this opinion and “make a final decision as to the approval or rejection of the form of the petition.”

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February 4, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 58-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 31, 2014, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition to amend Article X of the Missouri Constitution submitted by Marc Ellinger (2014-118).

We approve the petition as to form, but § 116.332 gives the Secretary of State final authority to approve or reject the petition. Therefore, our approval of the form of the petition does not preclude you from rejecting the petition.

Because our review of the petition is simply for the purpose of determining sufficiency as to form, the fact that we do not reject the petition is not to be construed as a determination that the petition is sufficient as to substance. Likewise, because our review is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition or of the objectives of its proponents, or the expression of any view respecting the adequacy or inadequacy of the petition generally.

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February 4, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 59-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 31, 2014, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition to amend Article X of the Missouri Constitution submitted by Marc Ellinger (2014-119).

We approve the petition as to form, but § 116.332 gives the Secretary of State final authority to approve or reject the petition. Therefore, our approval of the form of the petition does not preclude you from rejecting the petition.

Because our review of the petition is simply for the purpose of determining sufficiency as to form, the fact that we do not reject the petition is not to be construed as a determination that the petition is sufficient as to substance. Likewise, because our review is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition or of the objectives of its proponents, or the expression of any view respecting the adequacy or inadequacy of the petition generally.

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February 4, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 60-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 31, 2014, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition to amend Article X of the Missouri Constitution submitted by Marc Ellinger (2014-120).

We approve the petition as to form, but § 116.332 gives the Secretary of State final authority to approve or reject the petition. Therefore, our approval of the form of the petition does not preclude you from rejecting the petition.

Because our review of the petition is simply for the purpose of determining sufficiency as to form, the fact that we do not reject the petition is not to be construed as a determination that the petition is sufficient as to substance. Likewise, because our review is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition or of the objectives of its proponents, or the expression of any view respecting the adequacy or inadequacy of the petition generally.

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OPINION LETTER NO. 61-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 31, 2014, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition to amend Article X of the Missouri Constitution submitted by Marc Ellinger (2014-0121).

We approve the petition as to form, but § 116.332 gives the Secretary of State final authority to approve or reject the petition. Therefore, our approval of the form of the petition does not preclude you from rejecting the petition.

Because our review of the petition is simply for the purpose of determining sufficiency as to form, the fact that we do not reject the petition is not to be construed as a determination that the petition is sufficient as to substance. Likewise, because our review is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition or of the objectives of its proponents, or the expression of any view respecting the adequacy or inadequacy of the petition generally.

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February 10, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 62-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 31, 2014, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution submitted by Tony Nenner (2014-122).

We approve the petition as to form, but § 116.332 gives the Secretary of State final authority to approve or reject the petition. Therefore, our approval of the form of the petition does not preclude you from rejecting the petition.

Because our review of the petition is simply for the purpose of determining sufficiency as to form, the fact that we do not reject the petition is not to be construed as a determination that the petition is sufficient as to substance. Likewise, because our review is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition or of the objectives of its proponents, or the expression of any view respecting the adequacy or inadequacy of the petition generally.

Very truly yours,

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February 20, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 63-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated February 10, 2014, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Theodis Brown (2014-123).

We conclude that the petition must be rejected for at least the following reasons:

1. The petition is not in the form prescribed by § 116.040, RSMo.
2. The petition does not contain "all matter which is to be deleted included in its proper place enclosed in brackets and all new matter shown underlined" as required pursuant to § 116.050, RSMo.

Because of our rejection of the form of the petition for the reasons stated above, we have not reviewed the petition to determine if additional deficiencies exist. Pursuant to § 116.332.3, RSMo, the Secretary of State is authorized to

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The Honorable Jason Kander
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review this opinion and “make a final decision as to the approval or rejection of the form of the petition.”

Very truly yours,

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February 24, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 64-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated February 14, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Marc Ellinger regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article X of the Missouri Constitution (2014-118). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- create a fee on certain cigarettes and materials used in electronic cigarettes or similar products;
- prohibit any future additional local taxes, licenses, fees or special assessments on electronic cigarettes or similar products and materials used in electronic cigarettes or similar products; and
- use the revenue created by this measure to reduce the individual income tax rate?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by

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statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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OPINION LETTER NO. 65-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated February 14, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Marc Ellinger regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article X of the Missouri Constitution (2014-119). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- create a fee on cigarettes and materials used in electronic cigarettes or similar products;
- prohibit any future additional local taxes, licenses, fees or special assessments on electronic cigarettes or similar products and materials used in electronic cigarettes or similar products; and
- use the revenue created by this measure to reduce the individual income tax rate?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by

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statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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February 24, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 66-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated February 14, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Marc Ellinger regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article X of the Missouri Constitution (2014-120). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- create a fee on cigarettes and materials used in electronic cigarettes or similar products;
- prohibit any future additional local taxes, licenses, fees or special assessments on electronic cigarettes or similar products and materials used in electronic cigarettes or similar products;
- use the revenue created by this measure to reduce the individual income tax rate; and
- require certain cigarette manufacturers to post a bond in order to sell cigarettes in Missouri?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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OPINION LETTER NO. 67-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated February 14, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Marc Ellinger regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article X of the Missouri Constitution (2014-121). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- create a fee on materials used in electronic cigarettes or similar products;
- prohibit any future additional local taxes, licenses, fees or special assessments on electronic cigarettes or similar products and materials used in electronic cigarettes or similar products;
- use the revenue created by this measure to reduce the individual income tax rate; and
- require certain cigarette manufacturers to post a bond in order to sell cigarettes in Missouri?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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OPINION LETTER NO. 68-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101


Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of February 20, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Marc Ellinger (14-118). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

Annual state revenue may initially decrease by \$34 million to \$66 million due to individual income tax revenue decreasing by more than the increased revenue from the proposal's provisions. In subsequent years, if the revenue collected from the proposal's provisions exceed those collected in the immediate preceding fiscal year, additional unknown decreases may occur.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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OPINION LETTER NO. 69-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101


Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of February 20, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Marc Ellinger (14-119). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

Annual state revenue may initially decrease by \$46 million to \$55 million due to individual income tax revenue decreasing by more than the increased revenue from the proposal's provisions. In subsequent years, if the revenue collected from the proposal's provisions exceed those collected in the immediate preceding fiscal year, additional unknown decreases may occur.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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OPINION LETTER NO. 70-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101


Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of February 20, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Marc Ellinger (14-120). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

Annual state revenue may initially decrease by \$20 million to \$49 million due to individual income tax revenue decreasing by more than the increased revenue from the proposal's provisions. In subsequent years, if the revenue collected from the proposal's provisions exceed those collected in the immediate preceding fiscal year, additional unknown decreases may occur.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,


CHRIS KOSTER
Attorney General

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February 24, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 71-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101


Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of February 20, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Marc Ellinger (14-121). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

Annual state revenue may initially decrease by \$69 million to \$105 million due to individual income tax revenue decreasing by more than the increased revenue from the proposal's provisions. In subsequent years, if the revenue collected from the proposal's provisions exceed those collected in the immediate preceding fiscal year, additional unknown decreases may occur.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,


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March 3, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 72-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of February 20, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Tony Nenninger (14-122). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government expects \$1 million in startup costs and annual operating costs starting at \$4.8 million, possibly offset by unknown savings in the criminal justice system. Legislative and agency actions will impact potential increased state revenue. The annual revenue increase could possibly exceed \$217 million. The fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

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March 3, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 73-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated February 21, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Tony Nenninger regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution (2014-0122). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow the production, sale, distribution, and consumption of marijuana and hemp products by persons at least 21 years old;
- permit the state to establish a tax and authorize regulations and licensing procedures for marijuana;
- change criminal provisions for marijuana offenses and allow individuals who have certain marijuana-related offenses to apply to have the records relating to the offenses expunged; and

- allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

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March 21, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 74-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated March 11, 2014, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition to amend Chapter 149, Revised Statutes of Missouri, submitted by Khristine Heisinger (2014-127).

We approve the petition as to form, but § 116.332 gives the Secretary of State final authority to approve or reject the petition. Therefore, our approval of the form of the petition does not preclude you from rejecting the petition.

Because our review of the petition is simply for the purpose of determining sufficiency as to form, the fact that we do not reject the petition is not to be construed as a determination that the petition is sufficient as to substance. Likewise, because our review is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition or of the objectives of its proponents, or the expression of any view respecting the adequacy or inadequacy of the petition generally.

Very truly yours,

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March 21, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 75-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated March 11, 2014, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition to amend Chapter 149, Revised Statutes of Missouri, submitted by Khristine Heisinger (2014-128).

We approve the petition as to form, but § 116.332 gives the Secretary of State final authority to approve or reject the petition. Therefore, our approval of the form of the petition does not preclude you from rejecting the petition.

Because our review of the petition is simply for the purpose of determining sufficiency as to form, the fact that we do not reject the petition is not to be construed as a determination that the petition is sufficient as to substance. Likewise, because our review is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition or of the objectives of its proponents, or the expression of any view respecting the adequacy or inadequacy of the petition generally.

Very truly yours,

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March 21, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 76-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated March 11, 2014, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition to amend Chapters 149 and 196, Revised Statutes of Missouri, submitted by Khristine Heisinger (2014-129).

We approve the petition as to form, but § 116.332 gives the Secretary of State final authority to approve or reject the petition. Therefore, our approval of the form of the petition does not preclude you from rejecting the petition.

Because our review of the petition is simply for the purpose of determining sufficiency as to form, the fact that we do not reject the petition is not to be construed as a determination that the petition is sufficient as to substance. Likewise, because our review is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition or of the objectives of its proponents, or the expression of any view respecting the adequacy or inadequacy of the petition generally.

Very truly yours,

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April 10, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 77-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of March 31, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Khristine Heisinger (14-127). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government revenue will increase by approximately \$150 million annually from the tax changes in this proposal. State government revenue from the Master Settlement Agreement may decrease by an unknown amount annually up to approximately \$135 million depending on dispute and litigation outcomes. The potential fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

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April 10, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 78-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of March 31, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Khristine Heisinger (14-128). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government revenue will increase by an unknown amount up to approximately \$150 million annually depending on how many entities choose the additional tax option in the proposal. State government revenue from the Master Settlement Agreement may decrease by an unknown amount annually up to approximately \$135 million depending on dispute and litigation outcomes.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,


CHRIS KOSTER
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April 10, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 79-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of March 31, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Khristine Heisinger (14-129). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government revenue will increase by approximately \$150 million annually from the tax changes in this proposal. State government revenue from the Master Settlement Agreement may decrease by an unknown amount annually up to approximately \$135 million depending on dispute and litigation outcomes. The potential fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

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April 14, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 80-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated April 3, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Khristine Heisinger regarding a proposed amendment to amend Chapter 149, Revised Statutes of Missouri (2014-127). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall Missouri law be amended to:

- create a tax on cigarettes and roll-your-own tobacco; and
- change the statutory requirements regarding the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement between Missouri and certain tobacco product manufacturers?

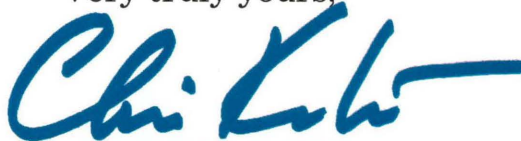
Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be

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The Honorable Jason Kander
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construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

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April 14, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 81-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated April 3, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Khristine Heisinger regarding a proposed amendment to amend Chapter 149, Revised Statutes of Missouri (2014-128). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall Missouri law be amended to:

- create an optional tax on cigarettes and roll-your-own tobacco; and
- change the statutory requirements regarding the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement between Missouri and certain tobacco product manufacturers for the manufacturers that choose to pay the optional tax?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by

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The Honorable Jason Kander
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statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

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April 14, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 82-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated April 3, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Khristine Heisinger regarding a proposed amendment to amend Chapters 149 and 196, Revised Statutes of Missouri (2014-129). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall Missouri law be amended to:

- create a tax on cigarettes and roll-your-own tobacco; and
- repeal the statutory requirements regarding the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement between Missouri and certain tobacco product manufacturers?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be

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The Honorable Jason Kander
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construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

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June 2, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 83-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
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Dear Secretary Kander:

You have submitted a proposed fair ballot language statement for the initiative petition submitted by Marc Ellinger, relating to Teacher Performance Evaluation Systems (2014-0024). The fair ballot language statement, prepared pursuant to § 116.025, RSMo, is as follows:

A “yes” vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to require teachers to be evaluated by a standards based performance evaluation system. Each system must receive state approval in order for the local school district to continue receiving state and local funding. Teachers will be dismissed, retained, demoted, promoted and paid primarily using quantifiable student performance data as part of the evaluation system. The amendment further requires teachers to enter into contracts of three years or fewer with public school districts, with exceptions. The amendment also prohibits teachers from organizing or collectively bargaining regarding the design and implementation of the teacher evaluation system.

A “no” vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution regarding teacher contracts and performance evaluation systems.

If passed, this measure will have no impact on taxes.

Pursuant to § 116.025, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed fair ballot language statement.

Because our review of the fair ballot language statement is mandated by statute, no action we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

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June 2, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 84-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

You have submitted a proposed fair ballot language statement for the initiative petition submitted by Matt Dameron relating to Early Voting (2014-066). The fair ballot language statement, prepared pursuant to § 116.025, RSMo, is as follows:

A "yes" vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to provide all voters a period of six weeks prior to election day to cast a ballot in all federal and state general elections. This early voting will be held at either a central voting location and/or, depending on the number of registered voters in the jurisdiction, one or more satellite voting sites. The amendment requires local election authorities to use satellite voting sites, in addition to a central voting location, if the jurisdiction has more than one hundred thousand registered voters. The amendment also provides for at least five hours of early voting on Saturday and Sunday during the 21 days immediately prior to the election.

A “no” vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution to provide all voters with a six week early voting period.

If passed, this measure will have no impact on taxes.

Pursuant to § 116.025, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed fair ballot language statement.

Because our review of the fair ballot language statement is mandated by statute, no action we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,



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June 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 85-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated June 5, 2014, for our review under § 116.160, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for House Joint Resolution No. 48. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to create a "Veterans Lottery Ticket" and to use the revenue from the sale of these tickets for projects and services related to veterans?

Pursuant to § 116.160, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the House Joint Resolution, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Chris Koster", is positioned above the printed name.

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June 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 86-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of June 12, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for Senate Joint Resolution No. 27 (14-SJR 27). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State and local governmental entities expect no significant costs or savings.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the Senate Joint Resolution or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Chris Koster", is positioned above the printed name and title.

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June 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 87-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of June 12, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for Senate Joint Resolution No. 36 (14-SJR 36). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State and local governmental entities should have no direct costs or savings from this proposal. However, the proposal's passage will likely lead to increased litigation and criminal justice related costs. The total potential costs are unknown, but could be significant.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the Senate Joint Resolution or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

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June 13, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 88-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of June 12, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for House Joint Resolution No. 48 (14-HJR 48). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

The annual cost or savings to state and local governmental entities is unknown, but likely minimal. If sales of a veterans lottery ticket game decrease existing lottery ticket sales, the profits of which fund education, there could be a small annual shift in funding from education to veterans' programs.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the House Joint Resolution or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Chris Koster", is written over the typed name.

CHRIS KOSTER
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June 30, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 89-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

You have submitted a proposed fair ballot language statement for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Joint Resolution No. 90 relating to early voting. The fair ballot language statement, prepared pursuant to § 116.025, RSMo, is as follows:

A “yes” vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to permit voters, in years when the legislature provides funding, an early voting period of six business days prior to and including the Wednesday before election day to cast a ballot in all general elections. This amendment does not allow early voting on Saturday or Sunday.

A “no” vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution to provide all voters with a six-business day early voting period.

If passed, this measure will have no impact on taxes.

The Honorable Jason Kander
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Pursuant to § 116.025, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed fair ballot language statement.

Because our review of the fair ballot language statement is mandated by statute, no action we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the joint resolution, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

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June 30, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 90-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

You have submitted a proposed fair ballot language statement for Senate Substitute for House Joint Resolution No. 68 relating to a temporary tax to improve the state highway system, city streets, county roads, and the state transportation system. The fair ballot language statement, prepared pursuant to § 116.025, RSMo, is as follows:

A “yes” vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to increase funding for state, county, and municipal street, road, bridge, highway, and public transportation initiatives by increasing the state sales/use tax by three-quarters of one percent for 10 years. This amendment further prohibits a change in gasoline taxes and prohibits toll roads or bridges. This amendment also requires these measures to be re-approved by voters every 10 years.

A “no” vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution to increase funding for state, county, and municipal street, road, bridge, highway, and public transportation initiatives.

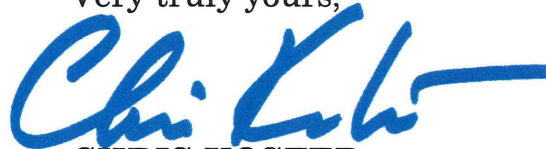
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If passed, this measure will increase the state sales/use tax.

Pursuant to § 116.025, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed fair ballot language statement.

Because our review of the fair ballot language statement is mandated by statute, no action we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the joint resolution, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

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June 30, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 91-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

You have submitted a proposed fair ballot language statement for House Joint Resolution No. 48 relating to a Veterans Lottery ticket. The fair ballot language statement, prepared pursuant to § 116.025, RSMo, is as follows:

A “yes” vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to create a “Veterans Lottery Ticket.” This amendment further provides that the revenue from the sale of these tickets will be used for projects and services related to veterans.

A “no” vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution to create a “Veterans Lottery Ticket.”

If passed, this measure will have no impact on taxes.

Pursuant to § 116.025, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed fair ballot language statement.

Because our review of the fair ballot language statement is mandated by statute, no action we take with respect to such review should be construed

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as an endorsement of the joint resolution, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

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June 30, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 92-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
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Dear Secretary Kander:

You have submitted a proposed fair ballot language statement for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 27 relating to government access to electronic data. The fair ballot language statement, prepared pursuant to § 116.025, RSMo, is as follows:

A “yes” vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to specify that electronic data and communications have the same protections from unreasonable searches and seizures as persons, papers, homes, and effects.

A “no” vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution regarding protections for electronic communications and data.

If passed, this measure will have no impact on taxes.

Pursuant to § 116.025, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed fair ballot language statement.

Because our review of the fair ballot language statement is mandated by statute, no action we take with respect to such review should be construed

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June 30, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 93-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
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Dear Secretary Kander:

You have submitted a proposed fair ballot language statement for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 36 relating to the right of Missouri citizens to keep and bear arms. The fair ballot language statement, prepared pursuant to § 116.025, RSMo, is as follows:

A “yes” vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to expand the right to keep and bear arms to include ammunition and related accessories for such arms. This amendment also removes the language that states the right to keep and bear arms does not justify the wearing of concealed weapons. This amendment does not prevent the legislature from limiting the rights of certain felons and certain individuals adjudicated as having a mental disorder.

A “no” vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution regarding arms, ammunition, and accessories for such arms.

If passed, this measure will have no impact on taxes.

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Pursuant to § 116.025, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed fair ballot language statement.

Because our review of the fair ballot language statement is mandated by statute, no action we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the joint resolution, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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OPINION LETTER NO. 94-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
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Dear Secretary Kander:

You have submitted a proposed fair ballot language statement for House Joint Resolution No. 72 relating to the governor's budgetary authority. The fair ballot language statement, prepared pursuant to § 116.025, RSMo, is as follows:

A "yes" vote will amend the Missouri Constitution regarding the requirements placed on the governor for proposing a state budget and for withholding money appropriated in the budget passed by the legislature. This amendment prohibits the governor from reducing funding passed by the general assembly without receiving legislative consent, and provides certain other restrictions on the governor's ability to increase or decrease line items in the budget. This amendment further prohibits the governor from proposing a budget that relies on revenue from legislation that has not yet passed in the general assembly.

A "no" vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution regarding the requirements placed on the governor

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for proposing a state budget and for withholding money appropriated in the budget passed by the legislature.

If passed, this measure will have no impact on taxes.

Pursuant to § 116.025, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed fair ballot language statement.

Because our review of the fair ballot language statement is mandated by statute, no action we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the joint resolution, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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June 30, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 95-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of June 23, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Joint Resolution No. 90. (14-HJR 90). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State governmental entities estimated startup costs of about \$2 million and costs to reimburse local election authorities of at least \$100,000 per election. Local election authorities estimated higher reimbursable costs per election. Those costs will depend on the compensation, staffing, and, planning decisions of election authorities with the total costs being unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the joint resolution or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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June 30, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 96-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of June 23, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for House Joint Resolution No. 72 (14-HJR 72). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State governmental entities expect no direct costs or savings. Local governmental entities expect an unknown fiscal impact.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the joint resolution or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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November 17, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 97-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated November 6, 2014, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets (2016-001).

We conclude that the petition must be rejected for at least the following reasons:

1. The petition is not in the form prescribed by § 116.040, RSMo.
2. The petition does not contain "all matter which is to be deleted included in its proper place enclosed in brackets and all new matter shown underlined" as required pursuant to § 116.050, RSMo.

Because of our rejection of the form of the petition for the reasons stated above, we have not reviewed the petition to determine if additional deficiencies exist. Pursuant to § 116.332.3, RSMo, the Secretary of State is authorized to

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review this opinion and “make a final decision as to the approval or rejection of the form of the petition.”

Very truly yours,

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November 17, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 98-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated November 6, 2014, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition to amend Article VIII of the Missouri Constitution submitted by Todd Jones (2016-002).

We approve the petition as to form, but § 116.332 gives the Secretary of State final authority to approve or reject the petition. Therefore, our approval of the form of the petition does not preclude you from rejecting the petition.

Because our review of the petition is simply for the purpose of determining sufficiency as to form, the fact that we do not reject the petition is not to be construed as a determination that the petition is sufficient as to substance. Likewise, because our review is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition or of the objectives of its proponents, or the expression of any view respecting the adequacy or inadequacy of the petition generally.

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November 24, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 99-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated November 14, 2014, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition to amend Article III of the Missouri Constitution submitted by Bradley Ketcher, version 3 (2016-005).

We approve the petition as to form, but § 116.332 gives the Secretary of State final authority to approve or reject the petition. Therefore, our approval of the form of the petition does not preclude you from rejecting the petition.

Because our review of the petition is simply for the purpose of determining sufficiency as to form, the fact that we do not reject the petition is not to be construed as a determination that the petition is sufficient as to substance. Likewise, because our review is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition or of the objectives of its proponents, or the expression of any view respecting the adequacy or inadequacy of the petition generally.

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December 1, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 100-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated November 21, 2014, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Aundrea Riffle (2016-006).

We conclude that the petition must be rejected for at least the following reasons:

1. The petition is not in the form prescribed by § 116.040, RSMo.
2. The petition does not contain "all matter which is to be deleted included in its proper place enclosed in brackets and all new matter shown underlined" as required pursuant to § 116.050, RSMo.

Because of our rejection of the form of the petition for the reasons stated above, we have not reviewed the petition to determine if additional deficiencies exist. Pursuant to § 116.332.3, RSMo, the Secretary of State is authorized to

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The Honorable Jason Kander
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review this opinion and “make a final decision as to the approval or rejection of the form of the petition.”

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December 12, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 101-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated December 2, 2014, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition to amend Article VIII of the Missouri Constitution submitted by Todd Jones (2016-007).

We approve the petition as to form, but § 116.332 gives the Secretary of State final authority to approve or reject the petition. Therefore, our approval of the form of the petition does not preclude you from rejecting the petition.

Because our review of the petition is simply for the purpose of determining sufficiency as to form, the fact that we do not reject the petition is not to be construed as a determination that the petition is sufficient as to substance. Likewise, because our review is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition or of the objectives of its proponents, or the expression of any view respecting the adequacy or inadequacy of the petition generally.

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December 12, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 102-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated December 2, 2014, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Nicholas Raines (2016-008).

We conclude that the petition must be rejected for at least the following reasons:

1. The petition is not in the form prescribed by § 116.040, RSMo.
2. The petition does not contain "all matter which is to be deleted included in its proper place enclosed in brackets and all new matter shown underlined" as required pursuant to § 116.050, RSMo.

Because of our rejection of the form of the petition for the reasons stated above, we have not reviewed the petition to determine if additional deficiencies

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exist. Pursuant to §116.332.3, RSMo, the Secretary of State is authorized to review this opinion and “make a final decision as to the approval or rejection of the form of the petition.”

Very truly yours,



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December 15, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 103-2014

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of December 3, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Bradley Ketcher, version 3 (16-005). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State governmental entities estimate increased annual operating costs of at least \$62,000. Local governmental entities estimate no impact to operating costs. Any potential impact to state and local governmental revenues is unknown.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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December 15, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 104-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated December 4, 2014, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution submitted by Dan Viets (2016-009).

We approve the petition as to form, but § 116.332 gives the Secretary of State final authority to approve or reject the petition. Therefore, our approval of the form of the petition does not preclude you from rejecting the petition.

Because our review of the petition is simply for the purpose of determining sufficiency as to form, the fact that we do not reject the petition is not to be construed as a determination that the petition is sufficient as to substance. Likewise, because our review is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition or of the objectives of its proponents, or the expression of any view respecting the adequacy or inadequacy of the petition generally.

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December 29, 2014

OPINION LETTER NO. 105-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated December 17, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Bradley Ketcher regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article III of the Missouri Constitution, version 3 (2016-005). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- establish limits on campaign contributions that candidates for state legislature can accept from individuals or entities;
- establish a limit on gifts that state legislators, and their employees, can accept from lobbyists;
- prohibit state legislators, and their employees, from serving as paid lobbyists for a period of time or being paid for campaign work;
- prohibit political fundraising on general assembly property;

- require legislative records to be open to the public; and
- prohibit any law that disqualifies the counting of valid signatures on petitions based on how voters sign the petition?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,



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